SRI K. VINAYAKAM : In the matter of conversion of elementary schools into basic schools, has the Government felt any resistance from management of these schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The main question is with reference to training schools.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know whether Government has taken any decision with regard to conversion of non-basic training schools into basic training schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The policy decision is that all training schools should be converted into the basic type. There are a few school left. They also would come in the basic pattern.

Pumpsets

MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of Question No. 565 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 565 *Q.*—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

காவிரி ஆற்றிலிருந்து சேலம் ஜில்லா நாமக்கல், திருச்செங்கோடு தாலுக்காக்களில் எத்தனை பம்ப் செட்டுகளுக்குத் தண்ணீர் எடுக்க அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No pumpset for taking water from the river Cauvery either in the Namakkal or the Tiruchengode taluk in Salem district has so far been regularised as certain modifications to the main conditions for the grant of permission proposed by the Collector of Salem are under consideration.

Electricity charges

* 566 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED (on behalf of SRI S. PAKKRISWAMI PILLAI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state whether there is any revision of the rates in the consumption charges of electricity for household purposes in the City of Madras after the Madras State Electricity Board has been set up?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Yes, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : As the consumers in Madras City have to pay more for the same number of units consumed, will the Government revise these rates?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : When the revision was made all the different aspects were carefully considered and then the new rates were fixed. Before announcing the new rates, it was actually discussed in the Consultative Committee and the decision was taken only after that.